

RECORD OF PLAN CONFORMANCE AND CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION

CX Log #: OR-014-CX-03-14 Lease or Serial #: _____
Project Name: BLM-USGS Wood River Water Sampling
Applicant: _____ Location: _____
Address: _____ County: Klamath County
BLM Office: Lakeview District, Klamath Falls Resource Area Phone #: 541-883-6916

Description of the Proposed Action:

The BLM is working cooperatively with the U.S. Geological Survey to collect water quality and quantity data at Wood River Wetlands. The project is to install eight (8) permanent piezometer wells and four (4) staff gages within the Wood River property.

Wells are approximately 4 inches in diameter and extend to depths of 6 to 25 feet. An 18"-diameter concrete seal is installed at the soil surface at each well. Six of the wells are to be installed in "nests" of three, while two are to be installed individually. The wells are installed with a drilling unit carried on a trailer.

Permanent staff gages are about 6 feet in height and are mounted on timbers (approximately 4" by 4") or metal rods driven into the soil.

See the attached map.

PLAN CONFORMANCE

The above project has been reviewed and found to be in conformance with the following BLM plan:

A. Upper Klamath Basin and Wood River Wetland Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision, approved February 1996.

IDENTIFICATION OF EXCLUSION CATEGORY

The proposed action has been identified as a categorical exclusion under **Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Geological Survey Categorical Exclusions:**

516 DM 6, Appendix 5 # H (11)
516 DM 6, Appendix 2 # F

COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further analysis or documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM2, Appendix 1, 1.12. The application of this categorical exclusion is appropriate, as there are no extra ordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action would not create adverse environmental effects or trigger any of the following exceptions (516 DM 2, Appendix 2; IM No. OR-2002-130).

Will the proposed action:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Question/Exception</u>
()	(X)	1. Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety?
()	(X)	2. Have significant, adverse effects on unique geographic characteristics or features, or on special designation areas such as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; or prime farmlands? This also includes ecologically significant or critical areas, such as significant caves, ACECs, National Monuments, WSAs, RNAs, and those listed on the National Register of Natural Landmarks.
()	(X)	3. Have highly controversial environmental effects (40 CFR 1508.14)?
()	(X)	4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or unique or unknown environmental risks?
()	(X)	5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?
()	(X)	6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but significant cumulative environmental effects? This includes connected actions on private lands (40 CFR 1508.7 and 1508.25(a)).
()	(X)	7. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places? This includes Native American religious or cultural sites, archaeological sites, or historic properties.
()	(X)	8. Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed as Federally Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species? This includes impacts on BLM-designated sensitive species or their habitat. When a Federally listed species or its habitat is encountered, a Biological Evaluation (BE) shall document the effect on the species. The responsible official may proceed with the proposed action without preparing a NEPA document when the BE demonstrates either 1) a "no effect" determination or 2) a "may effect, not likely to adversely effect" determination.
()	(X)	9. Fail to comply with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (water resource development projects only)?
()	(X)	10. Violate a Federal, State, Local, or Tribal law, regulation or policy imposed for the protection of the environment, where non-Federal requirements are consistent with Federal requirements?
()	(X)	11. Involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E)) not already decided in an approved land use plan?
()	(X)	12. Have a disproportionate significant adverse impacts on low income or minority populations; Executive Order 12898 (Environmental Justice)?
()	(X)	13. Restrict access to, and ceremonial use of, Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites; Executive Order 13007 (Indian Sacred Sites)?
()	(X)	14. Have significant adverse effect on Indian Trust Resources?
()	(X)	15. Contribute to the introduction, existence, or spread of: Federally listed noxious weeds (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act); or invasive non-native species; Executive Order 13112 (Invasive Species)?
()	(X)	16. Have a direct or indirect adverse impact on energy development, production, supply, and/or distribution; Executive Order 13212 (Actions to Expedite Energy-Related Projects)?

DOCUMENTATION OF RECOMMENDED MITIGATION

For any item checked "Yes" identify the mitigating measures proposed. If no mitigating measures are identified that can prevent the potential adverse impacts, the conditions for a categorical exclusion cannot be met.

Item No.	Can Be Mitigated	Cannot Be Mitigated	Mitigation Measures
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SURVEYS AND CONSULTATION

Surveys and/or consultation may be needed for special status plants and animals, for cultural resources, and other resources as necessary: (Initial and Date appropriate fields)

<u>Surveys:</u>	1) are completed	2) will be completed	3) are not needed
SS Plants	_____	_____	<u>JW 10/15/03</u>
SS Animals	_____	_____	<u>SW 9/10/03</u>
Cultural Resources	<u>TC 10/20/03</u>	_____	_____
Other Surveys	_____	_____	_____
SS Animal Consultation	_____	_____	<u>SW 9/16/03</u>
Botanical Consultation	_____	_____	<u>JW 10/15/03</u>
Cultural Consultation	<u>TC 10/20/03</u>	_____	_____
(SS = Special Status)			

Remarks:

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS and CX DETERMINATION


The proposed action has been reviewed against the criteria for an exception to a categorical exclusion (listed above) as identified in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, and does not fall under any exception. The proposed action would not create adverse environmental impacts or require the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) and is therefore, categorically excluded from NEPA documentation.

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9/15/2003
Date

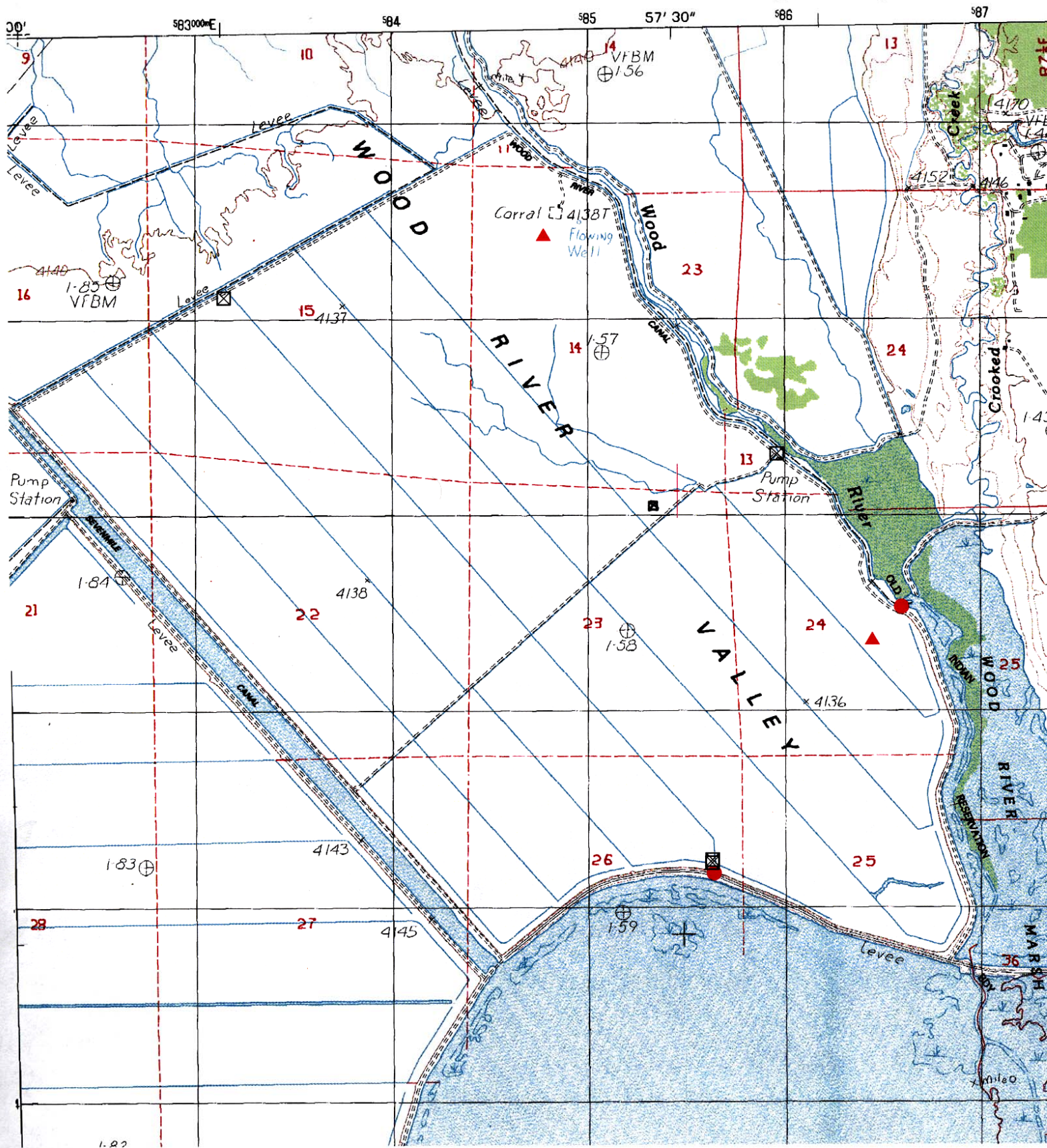
Reviewed By: Don Hoffheins, Planner
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10/31/03
Date

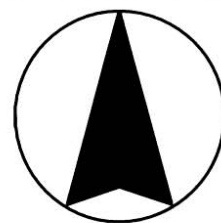
Approved By: 
Jon Raby, Field Manager
Klamath Falls Resource Area

11/4/03
Date

Wood River Wetland Monitoring Project



- ☒ Staff Gages
- ⊕ Piezometers
- ▲ Nest of 3
- Single



CX-03-14

Klamath Falls Resource Area NEPA Document Routing Slip for Internal Review

Project Name: WOOD RIVER WATER SAMPLINGDate Initiated: 9/15/2003

Resource or Staff Responsible	Review Priority	Preliminary Review Date/Initials	Comments Attached/Incorporated	Final Review Date/Initials
* Manager: Jon Raby	Last			JR 10/04/03
Branch Chief: Barbara Ditman	Second to Last	N/A		
* Branch Chief: Larry Frazier	Second to Last	→		LF 10/31/03
Branch Chief: Rod Johnson	Second to Last	N/A		
* Planner/EC: Don Hoffheins, Kathy Lindsey	Third from Last	10/31/03 DCH		10/31/03 DCH
Range: Bill Lindsey, Dana Eckard	N/A			
Wild Horses: Tonya Pinckney	N/A			
Fire/Air Quality: Joe Foran	N/A			
Silviculture: Bill Johnson, Gabi Sommerauer	N/A			
Timber: Mike Bechdolt	N/A			
* Botany/ACEC//Noxious Weeds: Lou Whiteaker		JW 10/15/03		JW 11/3/03
Soils:	N/A			
* Cultural: Tim Canaday			cultural surveys complete	TC 10/20/03
Minerals/HazMat: Tom Cottingham	N/A			
Lands/Realty: Linda Younger	N/A			
Recreation/Visual/Wilderness: Scott Senter	N/A			
* Hydrology/Riparian: Mike Turaski, Andy Hamilton	M	MRT 9/15		MRT 11/3
* Wildlife/T&E: Steve Hayner		SH 9/16/03		SH 11/3
Fisheries/T&E: Scott Snedaker	N/A			
W/S Rivers: Grant Weidenbach	N/A			
Engineering: Brian McCarty	N/A			
Survey/Manage: Molly Juillerat	N/A			
Clearances/Surveys	Needed	Done/Attached	<p>*This document will not sit on your desk for more than 8 hours. Please check on calendar to make sure that the next person will be available to review the document.</p> <p>**Some resource areas may not apply for all projects. If so, just mark "N/A" in "Review Priority" column.</p>	
Cultural		TC 10/20/03		
Botanical	No JW 10/15/03			
T&E, BA & or Consultation	No SH 9/16/03			
R-O-W Permits				
* WEDGE WATKINS		WW 9/16/03		